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WASHINGTON, November 9, 1989 -- Carloadings* originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended November 4 totaled 354,970, down 1.4 percent from the comparable week of 1988 but 0.2 percent above the preceding week of 1989, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were down 1.0 percent in the East and 1.8 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, coal loadings were up 3,292 cars (2.5 percent). Loadings of metallic ores were down 3,597 cars (15.3 percent), and loadings of motor vehicles and equipment were off 2,684 cars (12.2 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 44 weeks of 1989 totaled 14,727,556, down 1.3 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 127,909 trailers and/or containers for the week ended November 4, up 4.1 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 44 weeks of 1989 was 5,043,722 trailers and/or containers, 3.0 percent above the comparable 1988 total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended November 4 totaled 20.4 billion, virtually the same as the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 44 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 845.6 billion ton-miles, down 0.2 percent from the comparable period of last year.

**Because of changes in reporting, 1989 figures are not comparable to previous years, except for 1988, which has been restated for purposes of comparison with 1989.*

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 4, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 4, 1989	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	31,957	31,278	2.2 %	29,878	7.0 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	2,307	2,019	14.3	2,430	-5.1
Metallic Ores	19,863	23,460	-15.3	19,131	3.8
Coal	134,673	131,381	2.5	133,570	.8
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	17,130	17,398	-1.5	18,586	-7.8
Nonmetallic Minerals	10,551	9,996	5.6	11,020	-4.3
Grain Mill Products	10,285	10,587	-2.9	10,044	2.4
Food & Kindred Products	9,575	9,506	.7	9,083	5.4
Primary Forest Products	9,301	9,532	-2.4	9,844	-5.5
Lumber & Wood Products	6,406	7,005	-8.6	6,362	.7
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,289	10,504	-2.0	10,443	-1.5
Chemicals	27,105	27,327	-.8	27,185	-.3
Petroleum Products	4,996	5,035	-.8	5,322	-6.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,707	10,967	-2.4	10,960	-2.3
Coke	5,291	5,598	-5.5	5,776	-8.4
Metals & Products	9,714	9,544	1.8	9,305	4.4
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	19,283	21,967	-12.2	19,713	-2.2
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,514	9,410	-9.5	8,644	-1.5
All Other Carloads	7,023	7,529	-6.7	7,066	-.6
Total	**354,970**	**360,043**	**-1.4 %**	**354,362**	**.2 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 4, 1989 1989	1988	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 44 WEEKS ENDING NOVEMBER 4, 1989 1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**354,970**	**360,043**	**-1.4 %**	**14,727,556**	**14,914,035**	**-1.3 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	74,633	74,814	-.2	2,928,018	2,954,000	-.9
Containers	53,276	48,064	10.8	2,115,704	1,942,266	8.9
Total	**127,909**	**122,878**	**4.1**	**5,043,722**	**4,896,266**	**3.0**
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	**20.4**	**20.4**	**.0 %**	**845.6**	**847.8**	**-.2 %**

NOTE: Carloadings are estimated for: Week 40, 1989 - DRGW.

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